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In re Application of :
Yuen, et al. : DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 10/720,006 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: November 20, 2003 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: GS/030 CONT 4. :
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :
IMPROVED PARENTAL CONTROL OF :
TELEVISION USE :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 25, 2005.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

DECISION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This application became abandoned November 22, 2004 for failure to timely submit a request for reconsideration of the decision on petition mailed September 21, 2004. The decision on petition set a two month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 was timely submitted. This decision precedes mailing of Notice of Abandonment.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the decision on petition is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

DECISION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Petitioner has shown that inventor Yuen has refused to sign the declaration for the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.



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Dear Sir:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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